GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REMITTANCES BY INDIAN EXPATRIATES
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of Indian expatriates working abroad, country-wise,

(b) the number of persons given emigration clearance to move abroad form India during each of the last three years; and

(c) the total inward remittances made by expatriates during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) Data on the number of Indian expatriates working abroad is not maintained. However, the estimated size of overseas Indian community, country-wise, as reported by the High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi is given in the Statement enclosed.
(b) The number of persons granted emigration clearance for employment abroad during the last three years are as follows:

2004 : 4.75 lakhs

2003 : 4.66 lakhs

2002 : 3.68 lakhs

(c) As per the information maintained by the Reserve Bank of India, private remittances during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 were Rs. 71,642 crores; Rs.86,764 crores and Rs.91,736 crores respectively.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4148 by Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal for reply on 21.12.2005 regarding remittances by Indian expatriates ... ESTIMATED SIZE OF OVERSEAS INDIAN COMMUNITY: COUNTRY-WISE

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